

### Firemen Busy With Small Blazes Here

Aside from aid given to three early yesterday, Tor Palos Verdes firemen in bat-rance firemen had a busy ting the blaze in the hills week although most of the

fires were small. The local firemen battled several grass fires here, including one behind Carr Elementary School, apparently started by two small boys playing with matches. The blaze burned some grass and a redwood fence behind the school.

A grass fire which also spread to a fence at 1870 Plaza del Amo also was extinguished by Torrance firemen. Sparks from an incinerator apparently started this fire.

A dump truck en route to the city dump caught fire causing considerable damage to the vehicle, owned by Virgil Hancock, 2477 Lomita Blvd. The truck was filled with empty oil cans, but the cause was undetermined.

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### Obituaries

**James V. Cochrane**  
Private services were held Saturday for James Vincent Cochrane, 82, Walteria resident who died Wednesday. Private cremation followed, with Stone and Myers Mortuary handling arrangements. He left no survivors.

**Irene Brown**  
Services will be held Saturday for Irene Adelle Brown, 51, who died Wednesday at Harbor General Hospital. The rites will be in Stone & Myers Chapel at 2 p.m., with the Rev. C. Miles Northrup officiating.

A native of Oberon, N.D., she will be buried in Green Hills. She lived at 2417 W. 253rd St., Lomita. She is survived by a son, Selman Duane Burtress, 4839 Narrot St.; daughter, Lavone Morris, 21213 Claire Verdes Blvd.; sister, Claire Fischer, Lomita; and brother, Floyd Follert, Lancaster; and three grandchildren.

**Lawrence Petron**  
Lawrence Petron, 85, Royalton, Minn., father of Mrs. Leroy Armstrong, 1833 Juniper Ave., died Friday morning at his home. Services will be held tomorrow. Other survivors include a son, Oliver Petron, Fresno.

### National Renewals Bid to Advance Insurance Cash

In a letter to employees mailed yesterday, National Supply Co. offered to advance employees' portions of the group insurance premium for the period, it was announced. The letter, sent to all hourly rated employees in the bargaining unit by Scott F. Albright, superintendent of industrial relations for the company, referred to the company's proposal of Dec. 21 to advance the premiums as part of the plan for workers to return to their jobs at the plant. The union voted to reject the offer the day after Christmas.

"Notwithstanding the action taken by the union membership, in the interest of providing continued protection for its employees and their families, with life, hospital, and surgical insurance for January, the company has decided to advance the employees' portion of the group insurance premium for this period," the letter said. Workers were told to notify the company by Jan. 10 if they did not desire to have the premiums advanced by the company.



**NEW SALON OPENS . . .** Neva Dryburgh, technician, and Lee Eckstrand, manager of the local Stauffer System salarizing salon, make plans for the opening of the second office in this area at 1822 Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach, this Wednesday. Ladies who have figure problems can get help at the new salon, as well as the one at 1708-A S. Catalina Ave., Hollywood Riviera.

### ... Orley Family

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the same time that he did, and two members of the Hungarian Olympic fencing team who had been Orley's buddies. Both, incidentally, won gold medals in the Olympics.

On the program, the story of Orley's courage in fighting was told and the harrowing tale of his escape from the Communists. He and three comrades left Budapest, disguised themselves as laborers, and boarded a truck which took them within 35 miles of the border. The three walked and crawled "like a worm" to the border.

**Aid Offered**  
There, they met a peasant who offered to help them get across, but were warned by someone else that the peasant was a collaborator. They fled and managed to crawl across the border, under barbed wire, but one of the four, the wife of a friend, was killed by guards firing from a nearby watchtower.

The program reunited Thomas Orley and his two brothers, one of whom lives in Australia and the other in Bolivia. He had not seen them since he was 12 years old. Although he remembered one as being a "huge man," he found that he was now two inches taller at six foot two, than his brother.

It also joined the three fencers who, in Hungary, had sworn to seek a common fate. They were en route back to the United States from the Olympic games at the time of the program.

**Family Remains**  
Still remaining in Hungary are Orley's father a pre-Communist officer in the Hungarian army, and his sister. They have not been heard from since the revolution.

Young Orley left Thursday for San Francisco and then for the East, where he will go on a lecture tour, telling of Hungary's fight for freedom.

He has been offered several scholarships by various schools in the United States, and he hopes to study chemical engineering. He is strongly considering going to school in Southern California, his relatives here reported.

Orley will return to Torrance next month.

### Local Firemen

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burned and phone communications throughout much of the area was knocked out.

Torrance firemen also were alerted to help in battling the flames which have desolated the area near Malibu, but so far had not been called.

Firefighters were fed by many sandwiches and refreshments which had been prepared by Hollywood Riviera Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Cub troops for use of the firefighters at Malibu.

The fire was finally contained at Via Zurita in Zuma Canyon.

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### 'Municipal Court Week' Plans Made

In observance of the fifth anniversary of Municipal Courts in California under the new court system, Governor Goodwin J. Knight has designated Jan. 1 through Jan. 7, 1957 as "Municipal Court Week."

During this week, the public is invited to attend court sessions and observe all municipal court office functions in the over-all administration of justice.

A night session of traffic, criminal trials, and small claims will be held at South Bay Municipal Court from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, according to Court Clerk Ernest W. Stout. Anyone wishing to post bail or appear before the court on traffic tickets may do so at this session, he said.

Hosts for the open house Thursday will be Judges John A. Shidler and Otto B. Willett and members of their court staff.

### Council Will Act On John's Airport Plan

Councilman Robert B. Jahn's proposal for a \$4,000 improvement program at Torrance Municipal Airport has been approved by the Airport Commission and referred to the City Council for approval.

Jahn has proposed activation of the control tower, installation of runway lights on the main runway and taxi strips, and construction of the touch and go strip.

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### Reflections

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**LISTEN! DON'T TELL**

Turn on the radio, you hear voices. TV you both hear and see. At the corner where two ladies are talking. Mother, at home, is visiting on the telephone. The air is full of words.

Words wreck or build. Our radio tells us the news; the two men are sur they would do differently; the ladies are discussing a sweet and juicy subject. Mother is excited about a new dress she purchased. To visit is the highest form of entertainment. To gossip is the lowest form of speech.

To use words constructively is evidence of a fertile mind; to pass along the dregs of conversation is poverty of expression. Words are part of ourselves; they return to uplift us or to hurt us.

Listen! But don't tell if they hurt someone—they'll hurt you in the end.

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### Comments

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**Rev. Hugh Percy, pastor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church:** "I came a long way, from Canada, to live in Torrance and I feel privileged to live in a clean, progressive city. I have discovered a civic spirit without parallel in my experience. I am particularly impressed by the low amount of juvenile delinquency here. St. Andrew's joins in rejoicing over the award."

**Bob L. Haggard, realtor and former mayor:** "I think the city is very deserving of it with the growth in population and industry. Having been a forgotten town until a few years ago, the growth here is certainly to be recognized."

**Henry W. Creeger, past president Torrance Chamber of Commerce and retiring plant manager of American Standard:** "It is one of the most wonderful and most deserving things that ever happened to Torrance. I'm certainly delighted. I just can't express myself volubly enough to tell you how happy I am about it."

**Kenneth Hahn, Supervisor, Second District:** "I am very proud to have a part of Torrance in my County District. Torrance is alert and progressive. I congratulate the mayor, the City Council, their staff, and the people of Torrance for this outstanding achievement."

**Nick Drale, Torrance City Councilman:** "It is one of the greatest things that ever happened in the city of Torrance and the people in the area are to be commended for all their support as well as the city officials, department heads, and the newspapers. It's one of the nicest things that could happen to a nice community."

**A. E. Thompson, manager of General Petroleum's Torrance refinery and president-elect, Torrance Chamber of Commerce:** "This is an outstanding achievement in the history of Torrance and we're all very proud of the accomplishment. Certainly this is something we can all accept with pride."

**C. C. Morgan, works manager, Columbia-Geneva Division, U.S. Steel:** "It is a tribute to the foresight and planning of the city officials, the Chamber of Commerce, and the civic club and citizens of Torrance."

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